

Fake ITDC hotels

1838. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to identify the illegal guest houses and unauthorised travel operators who are misusing Government and ITDC signs and logos;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken and the result thereon;

(c) whether Government have prepared a list of authorised hotels, guest houses and tour operators, which will be helpful to the tourist; and

(d) if so, whether they are made available at important points like airports and Railway Station?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (c) Department of Tourism in order to curb the menace of illegal guest Houses and unauthorised travel operators misusing Government and ITDC signs and logos etc. have taken up the matter with all State / UT Administrations for enactment of suitable Legislations. States like Kerala, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir etc. have such legislations.

(b) and (d) Department of Tourism regularly updates information pertaining to approved Hostels, Tour Operators etc. This information is available with Government of India Tourist Offices / Counters.

Funds for Promotion of Tourism

1839. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have implemented a scheme namely "Development of Tourism" in order to boost domestic tourism as well as attract foreign tourists in the country;

(b) if so, what are the State-wise and year-wise details of funds allocated to Bihar and other States under the above scheme; and

(c) the details of achievement made in Bihar in this regard?